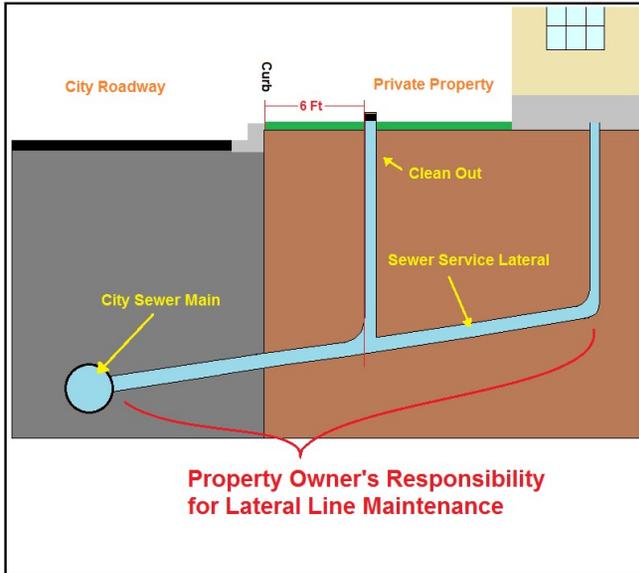
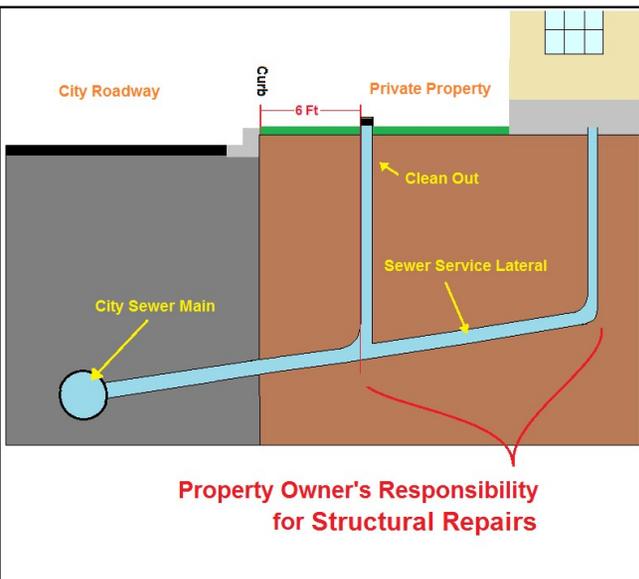


Sewer Lateral and Cleanout Locations and Responsibilities

Maintenance



Repair of Structural Defects



Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Responsibilities Policy

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Sanitary Sewer

The Department of Public Works operates and maintains the City's sanitary sewer collection system including 77.5 miles of public sanitary sewer mains, 1,854 manholes, and 13 lift/pump stations. This system also includes a network of privately owned sewer laterals that flow into the City's public owned collection system for treatment at the wastewater treatment plant.

Maintenance Policy

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to provide an effective and efficient maintenance program for its sanitary sewer system. This policy provides procedures to maintain the public and private portions of the sanitary sewer system.

Sewer Main Maintenance and Inspection Goals

Scope of City's Responsibility: The department will maintain the components of the public sanitary sewer system including mains, manholes, lift stations, and wastewater treatment plants.

Schedule: The department's goal is to inspect and maintain the components of its sanitary sewer system as follows:

- All sewer mains will be cleaned at a minimum of once every ten (10) years by a jet machine or other necessary equipment.

- Problematic sewer mains will be cleaned, at minimum, twice in the first year. If there are no further problems detected, it will be cleaned once in the second year and then revert to a regular schedule the third year.

Video Inspection: The department will inspect and document the condition of the city's sanitary sewer mains by closed circuit television camera at least once every ten (10) years.

Sewer Laterals

Sewer Lateral Maintenance: The property owner(s) is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer lateral line up to and including the connection to the City's sewer main. This includes cleaning, inspecting and clearing any blockages. The owner is responsible for installing a proper cleanout (if one does not exist) to allow access for lateral line maintenance. The clean-out shall be placed six feet behind the curb and shall remain the property of the owner. The department may provide a courtesy cleaning of the lateral if it is in the best interest of the City and may prevent further complications with the sanitary sewer main.

Sewer Lateral Repairs: The property owner(s) is responsible for any structural sewer lateral repairs from the building(s) served to the clean-out located six feet behind the curb (or one foot behind sidewalk. The owner(s) shall provide proper evidence that a structural defect exists beyond this

limit for the department to take action. The owner is responsible for installing a clean-out if one does not exist.

Inflow and Infiltration

Inflow refers to clear water from rain and snowmelt that improperly drains into the sanitary sewer system.

Infiltration refers to ground water that leaks into the sanitary sewer system through cracked or faulty sewer pipes.

The reduction and control of inflow and infiltration in sanitary sewer systems is paramount to the department's priorities and will be addressed through a disciplined, long-term monitoring and maintenance program specifically intended to identify and eliminate sump pump and other illegal connections to the system. The city shall take legal actions necessary to eliminate these connections and enforce all sections of the existing City Code. If one of these connections currently exists, please contact the City to discuss the schedule for eliminating the connection.

If there are any questions, the City can be contacted at the following address:

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